## Rural Maryland 2021 Rural Summit DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland December 1-2, 2021 HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

The Rural Maryland Council (RM) is taking measures and precautions to assist you to voluntarily participate in the 2021 in-person Rural Summit on December 1-2 in Annapolis, MD. RMC and its official event venues may implement precautions for the conference, which may include the following actions or others not listed, in accordance with state and local government requirements or recommendations:

- Masks to be worn by RMC direction or in accordance with state and local requirements. If such requirements are in place, attendees without a mask will be denied entrance.
- Social distancing to be enforced during the event and seating arranged accordingly.
- Hand sanitizer stations to be set up throughout the facility.
- Food and beverage to be packaged and served in a manner that minimizes contact between attendees and service staff.
- Attendees are expected to act in a responsible manner and to observe and comply with all COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Attendees to be required by RMC or the hotel to self-report daily regarding temperature and potential symptoms of COVID-19.
- RMC Rural Summit attendees are encouraged not to risk exposure to COVID-19 in non-official conference venues.

The above is not an exhaustive or final list and may change based on current conditions. Participants will be notified of final safety protocols in advance of the conference.

By submitting this attendee registration, sponsor agreement, either personally or through the designated representative for my company/organization, I acknowledge and agree: (1) that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 may exist at the RMC Rural Summit, despite the precautions implemented; (2) to assume all risks associated with exposure and infection by COVID-19 while attending RMC events; (3) on behalf of myself and my personal representatives, heirs and assigns, to release, waive, discharge RMC and/or any official host venue, their respective officials, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, contractors, sponsors, agents, representatives, successors, heirs and assigns (collectively "Releasees") from liability for any injuries, illness, infections, death, damages or claims arising due to my attendance and/or participation at the Rural Summit.

Further, in light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19 and based upon current recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not participate in the in-person event - by registering, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories: 1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others; 2. Individuals who have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19; or 3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR AND CONTACT TRACE: Participants and volunteers agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and, contact RMC immediately if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after the conference. Attendees agree to participate in any contact tracing activities deemed necessary by local health officials.

I HAVE READ THIS HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. BY SUBMITTING THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE PROGRAM OR BY ITS SUBMISSION BY THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FROM MY EMPLOYER OR REPRESENTED ORGANIZATION, I HAVE AGREED TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN STATED.